



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: February 3, 2021  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads  
Route To: ESEA Project Directors, Title I, Part A Supervisors and School Business Administrators  
From: Peggy McDonald, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Student Services  
Deadline: March 8, 2021

### **2019 Census Data for Fiscal Year 2021 Title I, Part A Allocations**

Annually, the United States Department of Education (USDE) provides [census data](#) to State Education Agencies (SEAs). These data are used by both the USDE and the New Jersey Department of Education to calculate local education agency (LEA) Title I, Part A allocations.

The Census data estimates are based on a statistical model that incorporates information from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, administrative records taken from Federal income tax returns and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the most recent decennial Census, updates to populations' estimates that the Census Bureau may have completed since the last decennial census, data on Supplementary Security Income recipients, and economic data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The Census Bureau is providing a challenge period for LEAs to review the 2019 LEA poverty and population data for certain non-statistical errors. These errors are those that the Census Bureau may have made in: (1) processing input data or running the estimation models/programs, or (2) preparing or processing information to define geographic boundaries (e.g., school district boundaries).

The challenge period ends on March 8, 2021. To obtain information on the process to challenge the data, LEAs must contact the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) Branch at the Census Bureau at (301) 763-3193 or via email at [sehds.saipe@census.gov](mailto:sehds.saipe@census.gov).

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